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SUBJ: MALAGASY DELEGATION LEAVES FOR USSR, ROMANIA, AND ETHIOPIA

REF: ANT 1671 (NOTAL)

1. MALAGASY DELEGATION, HEADED BY DEAN OF SUPREME REVOLUTION-
ARY COUNCIL (SRC) AND INCLUDING MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND
PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S DEPUTY SPECIAL ASSISTANT, LEFT
ANTANANARIVO AUGUST 6 TO ATTEND FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF
ETHIOPIA'S REVOLUTION IN ADDIS ABABA, AND THEN TO GO ON
AND VISIT ROMANIA AND THE SOVIET UNION.

2. SRC DEAN TOLD REPORTERS UPON DEPARTURE THAT VISIT WOULD
BE A QUICK ONE IN VIEW OF TRAVELERS RESPONSIBILITIES IN MADAGASCAR,
AND THAT VISIT TO USSR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
MOSTLY IN A POLITICAL CONTEXT AS A MEANS TO STRENGTHEN
RELATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S AREMA PARTY AND THE
"REVOLUTIONARY PARTIES" IN THE USSR.

3. DELEGATION WAS SEEN OFF AT AIRPORT BY VIP GROUP
INCLUDING SOVIET AMBASSADOR, MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, AND MINISTER OF STATE (FINANCE AND PLANNING)
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4. COMMENT: THIS HAS ALL THE APPEARANCES OF A HASTILY
PUT TOGETHER VISIT TO DETRACT ATTENTION FROM RATSIRAKA'S
TRIP TO NORTH KOREA AND CHINA. BARRETT

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